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<p align="center">Office Action Summary</p>	Application No. 09/540,977	Applicant(s) GILJUM ET AL.	
	Examiner Adam M Queler	Art Unit 2179	

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Amendment filed 06/08/2004.
2. Claims 7-18 are pending in the case. Claims 7 and 13 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. **Claims 7-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.**

The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The claims recite, "attribute values associated with a particular folder." The specification makes no mention of any "attributes" being associated with a folder. Table 1 illustrates the concept of "attributes" and relates to content items. Folders are only described as having "settings" which are separate and different from the "attributes" (p. 24, ll. 4-18). The Office therefore interprets "attributes" and "settings" as used in the specification as two distinct descriptors. Assuming that the two terms have not been used interchangeably in the claims, there is no mention of attributes associated with a folder.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 7-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Salas et al. (US006233600B1, filed 7/15/1997).

Regarding independent claim(s) 7 and 13, Salas teaches storing content item in a database, as well as folder, or eRooms, and attribute vales associated with folders (col. 3, ll. 35-37), and attributes (col. 3, ll. 57-60). Salas teaches that the database stores information about the objects being in an eRoom (col. 3, ll. 49-51), thereby establishing a mapping between the item and the folder. Salas teaches that permission applies to an eRoom and the objects in it are bound by the same permissions (col. 14, ll. 46-50). Therefore, the attribute value associated with the room applies to the item in the folder. Salas teaches determining if a user has a right to access an object (col. 13, ll. 38-39). The access right for the object is determined by the folder (col. 14, ll. 46-50), and when it is granted, inherently, the folder mapping, and attribute value must have been determined. Salas teaches responding to the request based on the value (col. 13, ll. 38-39).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 8 and 14, Salas teaches the attribute is a permission (col. 14, ll. 46-50).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 9 and 15, Salas teaches the operation is to create an item (col. 13, ll. 27-30).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 10 and 16, Salas teaches owners assigning users permissions (col. 14, ll. 44-46).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 11 and 17, Salas teaches style attributes that describe how to display items (col. 8, ll. 55-58).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 12 and 18, Salas teaches folders may contain other folders (col. 3, ll. 35-37).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 06/08/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant alleges that Salas does not. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., propagation of values when values are changed) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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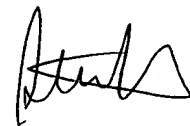
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adam M Queler whose telephone number is (703) 308-5213.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R Herndon can be reached on (703) 308-5186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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